

Week 166 – w/c 12/1/20

Monday: Luke 24:13-35. Look at v16. How often has Jesus walked with us and we have been kept from recognising him? Notice v28. Why did Jesus act "as if he were going farther"? Could it be that he was testing their faith & their hunger for the things of God by doing so? How does he test us in a similar manner?

Tuesday: Numbers 22:21-41. Balaam compromised his ministry and his faith by doing what he knew was wrong (cf. v22) in order to gain financially by offering his services as a prophet to Balak and the Moabites. Are there any areas where you are tempted to compromise in your witness or integrity because you care about your status or the approval of others?

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 6:1-81. In verses 31 & 32 the ministry of the musicians is in focus. One of these musicians is Asaph (v39) who served at the right hand of the main worship Leader, Heman. He was also responsible for composing some of the Psalms used in worship (e.g. Psalm 50, 73-83). Obviously, music was important in Old Testament worship. How helpful is it to you in your personal devotions?

Thursday: Psalm 119:33-40. Read each verse again, and then pause and use it as a basis for prayer to God, before moving on to the next verse and so on. Which verse is most helpful to you, or is most applicable for you to pray today?

Friday: Ezekiel 33:1-33. Ezekiel was called by God to be a watchman, to warn people of coming judgement (v7). In what way has God called you to be a watchman and a witness to the people you mix with on a regular basis? What lessons can you learn from what God says to Ezekiel in these verses?

Weekend: 2 Timothy 4:9-22. Demas is mentioned as a co-worker of Paul's in two other places in the New Testament (Col 4:14; Philemon 24). Yet in this letter written almost at the end of his life, his summary regarding Demas becomes the phrase by which he will always be known. He deserted Paul "because he loved this world". What would you like people to remember you by? Write down a phrase or sentence that you would like to be your epitaph, and ask God to give you the ability to live in such a way that it might be true of you.